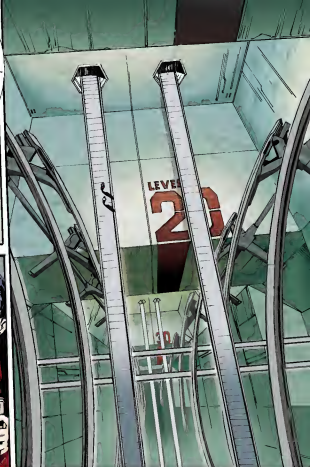


NEON  
GENESIS  
EVANGELION

STAGE 2:  
REUNION



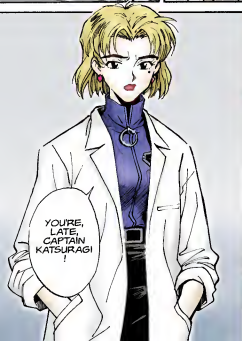
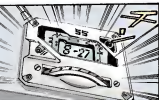


THAT'S FUNNY--I WAS *POSITIVE* THIS WAS THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

SHE'S LOST.

SH-SHUT UP!

JUST SHUT UP AND FOLLOW ME, OK?!



YOU'RE, LATE, CAPTAIN KATSURAGI!



YOU TWO! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



S-SORRY!  
I GOT  
LOST--STILL  
DON'T HAVE  
THE  
LAYOUT  
OF THIS  
PLACE  
DOWN  
YET!

WE HAVE  
NEITHER  
THE  
PERSONNEL  
NOR THE  
TIME FOR  
SUCH  
NONSENSE

...SO  
LATE  
THAT  
I WAS  
SENT  
TO  
FIND  
YOU!

OH...

...RIT-  
SUKO...

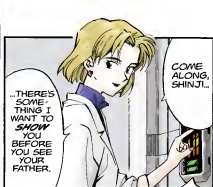
What's  
This  
"Third  
Child"  
stuff...?

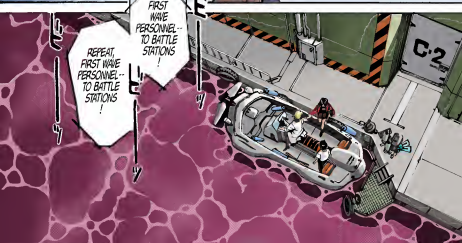
I'M  
SHINJI  
IKARI,  
NICE  
TO  
MEET  
YOU.

PLEASD  
TO  
MEET  
YOU.

I'M  
RITSUKO  
AKAGI FROM  
THE FIRST  
ENGINEERING  
DIVISION--  
THE  
SUPERVISOR  
OF  
PROJECT E.

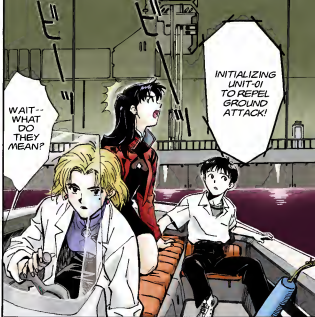
SO THIS  
IS THE  
THIRD  
CHILD  
EVERYONE'S  
TALKING  
ABOUT?







UNIT-01 IS  
CURRENTLY  
COOLING DOWN  
WHILE IN  
DEFENSIVE  
FORMATION B--  
IT CAN BE  
REINITIALIZED AT  
ANY TIME!



WAIT--  
WHAT  
DO  
THEY  
MEAN?

INITIALIZING  
UNIT-01  
TO REPEL  
GROUND  
ATTACK!



WHAT  
THE HELL  
IS THE  
COM-  
MANDER  
THINKING..  
?!

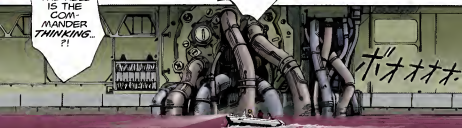


...



THAT'S NOT  
WHAT I'M  
WORRIED  
ABOUT--IT'S  
REI! IF REI  
CAN'T GO  
ON..

...WHAT  
WILL  
THEY  
DO  
FOR A  
PILOT?!



IT SEEMS  
IT  
POSSESSES  
AN  
A.T. FIELD.

NO, IT  
ONLY SUFFERED  
MINOR  
SURFACE  
DAMAGE--  
AND IT'S  
STILL  
ADVANCING.

SO...  
THEN  
THE MINES  
DIDN'T  
WORK  
AGAINST  
THE ANGEL?

AS FAR AS WE  
CAN DETERMINE,  
IT'S NOT UNDER  
REMOTE CONTROL.  
THE MAGI SYSTEM  
BELIEVES IT TO BE  
A LIFE FORM,  
GUIDED BY SOME  
SORT OF INTERNAL,  
PROGRAMMED  
INTELLIGENCE...

IT'S ALSO  
SHOWN  
TACTICAL  
ADAPTABILITY  
DURING  
THE ATTACK.  
IT CAN  
DEFINITELY  
LEARN.

...

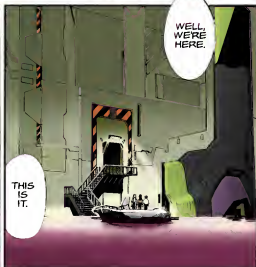
JUST  
LIKE  
THE  
EVA...

RIGHT.

YOU  
MEAN...

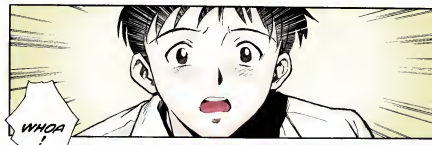
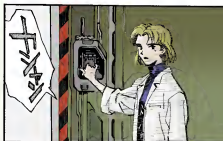


IT'S  
DARK,  
SO  
WATCH  
YOUR  
STEP.



WELL,  
WE'RE  
HERE.

THIS  
IS  
IT.





TH-  
THIS  
THING...

...IS IT  
THE  
ROBOT  
THAT  
SAVED  
US  
EARLIER  
?!



THIS IS  
**EVA  
UNIT-01...**  
THE  
FIRST  
TEST  
MODEL...

YOU ARE  
LOOKING  
AT THE  
LAST CARD  
OUR  
SPECIES  
HAS TO  
PLAY.

THE TERM  
"ROBOT"  
ORIGINALLY  
REFERRED  
TO THE IDEA  
OF A MAN  
CREATED BY  
ARTIFICIAL  
MEANS...

...THIS  
INDEED IS A  
SYNTHETIC  
ANDROID...AN  
ADAPTABLE  
HUMAN  
CONSTRUCT...  
AND OUR  
DECISIVE  
WEAPON.

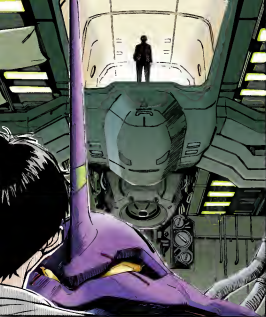


THAT'S  
COR-  
RECT.

SO  
ALL  
THIS  
IS...

...PART  
OF MY  
FATHER'S  
WORK?

ITS  
CODE  
NAME  
IS  
**EVANGELION.**



IT'S  
BEEN  
A  
WHILE.



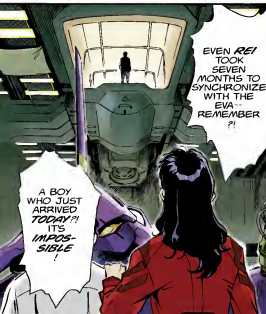


YOU'RE  
GOING  
TO  
RIDE IN  
HER.

YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
FIGHT  
THE  
ANGEL!



SHINJI,  
LISTEN  
CAREFULLY  
TO WHAT  
I AM  
ABOUT TO  
TELL YOU.

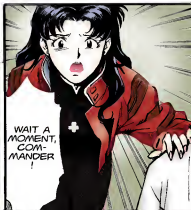


EVEN *REI*  
TOOK  
SEVEN  
MONTHS TO  
SYNCHRONIZE  
WITH THE  
EVA--  
REMEMBER  
?!

A BOY  
WHO JUST  
ARRIVED  
TODAY?!  
IT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE!



WHA...  
?!



WAIT A  
MOMENT,  
COM-  
MANDER

IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THAT, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE LOAD *SOMEONE*, NO MATTER WHO, INTO THE UNIT-- SOMEONE WHO *MAY* HAVE THE ABILITY TO SYNCHRONIZE TO *SOME* EXTENT WITH THE EVA!

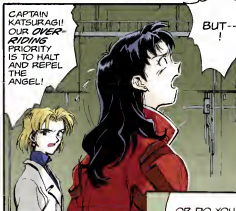
I'M NOT EXPECTING MORE AT THIS POINT.

HE ONLY NEEDS TO SIT INSIDE.



CAPTAIN KATSURAGI!! OUR *OVER-RIDING* PRIORITY IS TO HALT AND REPEL THE ANGEL!

BUT--!



OR DO YOU HAVE ANY *ALTERNATIVES* YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE ?!

NOW... SHINJI, COME THIS WAY!



...



...TO  
FIGHT  
THAT  
MONSTER  
WE SAW...  
Y-YOU...

...I'M  
GOING  
TO  
RIDE  
IN  
THIS  
THING...

I'm... I...

THERE'S  
NO *WAY*  
I CAN DO  
SOMETHING  
LIKE  
THAT!

...YOU'RE  
KIDDING,  
RIGHT?!

JUST  
ACCEPT THIS  
EXPLANATION.

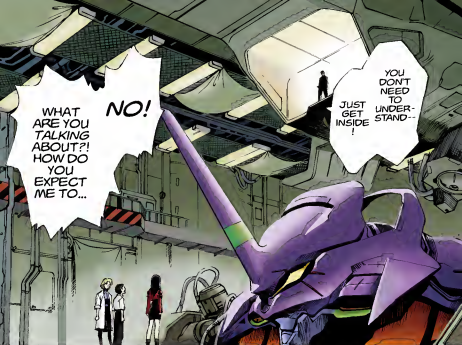
YOU'RE  
THE BEST  
CANDIDATE  
WE HAVE.

IT  
DOESN'T  
MAKE  
SENSE  
!

...BUT  
WHY  
ME?!

NO--

...YOU'RE  
THE  
*ONLY*  
CANDI-  
DATE  
WE  
HAVE.



WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT?!  
HOW DO  
YOU  
EXPECT  
ME TO...

**NO!**

YOU DON'T  
NEED TO  
UNDER-  
STAND--  
JUST  
GET  
INSIDE!



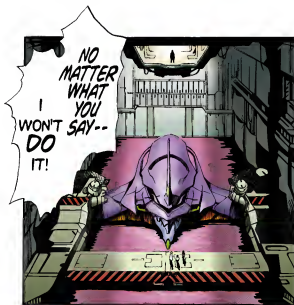
IF YOU DON'T  
DO AS I SAY,  
ALL OF  
HUMANITY  
WILL  
PERISH.

AT THIS  
MOMENT,  
THE  
EXISTENCE  
OF THE  
HUMAN  
RACE  
RESTS ON  
YOUR  
SHOULDERS.



IS THIS  
WHAT  
YOU  
CALLED  
ME  
HERE  
FOR?  
TO  
ORDER  
ME TO  
MY  
DEATH  
?!

YOU IGNORED  
ME, YOU WALKED  
OUT ON ME-- AND  
NOW YOU JUST  
WANT ME TO  
DO AS YOU  
SAY?



...COWARD.

I  
HAVE NO  
FURTHER  
NEED OF  
YOU--  
GO  
HOME...

I  
SEE.

ALL  
RIGHT  
THEN...

FUYU-  
TSUKI...  
-WAKE  
REI!

HAVE  
HER  
TRANSPOR-  
TED  
HERE.

SHE'S  
NOT  
DEAD,  
IS  
SHE?

...CAN  
YOU USE  
HER?

